



# Broward County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club

Dedicated to Preserving the Everglades

## NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2019

### President's Letter

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August is the month we have our Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet. It will take place Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at Tropical Acres Restaurant from 6:30pm until 11pm. Ticket includes, your choice of Prime Rib or Chicken, Open Bar, Live Entertainment, Raffles and a good time. We hope to see you and your friends there. If you need a ticket call Bill Sirola 954-543-3709, Bruce Ward 954-658-2714, or Chrissy Freeman 954-881-2294 for Tickets or any club information. Your support will continue to make all of our youth programs possible.

BCAHCC has suffered the loss of two members and a supporter of our club efforts recently. Jim Bowles, Steve Klingenberg and FWC Lt. Patrick McDonald. Jim Bowles Celebration of Life was held at Tree Tops Park. Jim had been sick for quite a while and he actually planned his Big F-ing Party, as he would say. It was well attended and wonderful seeing so many of our friends who have moved away, but came back to pay tribute to our Life Member Jim Bowles. His widow, Debbie Treece Bowles thanked everyone for attending this beautiful event. There are plans to honor Jim with a Tree planting at Westberry's Camp in January. We will keep you posted. FWC Lt. Patrick McDonald passed away as a result of severe burns suffered while mowing the grass at his camp. He was the husband of FWC Lt. Lindsey Mc Donald. Both of the McDonalds actively support BCAHCC Youth Hunt programs. He was an educator and a lawyer. He has also helped club members with legal issues in the past. He attended many of our banquets and we will miss him tremendously. Steve Klingenberg passed Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. He was not a long time member, but for the short time he was with us, he made an impression. He will be remembered for his support of anything BCAHCC was doing. Always ready to party, or be a friend to any of our members. Nate Fischer introduced the man from Michigan to airboating and the Airboat Club, and it was a perfect fit. We will miss you Steve, Jim and Patrick. Thank you all for the support, help, and most of all for the memories.

Ron Bergeron asked us to attend a press meeting with Governor Ron DeSantis where they were going to announce new efforts to try and eradicate the Python. Bill Sirola put out a notice on the dialer and asked our members to attend. He also ask our members to wear their Red Club Shirts if they had one. Ten members showed up in club shirts and it was evident our BCAHCC was in attendance. Of the 50 people there, you could clearly see our club shirts. This is the third time I have attended these events. When I asked to speak to the Governor, they called on me, because our club was so well represented. I explained to the Governor, the 3,000 Pythons that have been caught, most have been taken on the levees. I said the Pythons are in the swamp and even the best trappers in Florida, can only penetrate a 100 yards or so off the levee. They need to use Full Tracks, Wheel Buggies, Airboats and anything else that will get the trappers to the tree islands. Mike Kimmel, the Python Cowboy, was next to me nodding his head in agreement. I asked the Governor to drop the restrictions on the use of motorized vehicles in the Everglades, and open access of the entire area. We have to use every tool possible. He did not commit, but he looked right at Ron Bergeron. Ron said we will put this together and use all the tools we have. Now we all know there are political ramifications to whatever they do, but if we can get the Everglades opened back up, and show them the value of who we are and what we can do, it is now. They have a need and Ron Bergeron knows what he can do with our help. He emphasized several times **WE** are all in this together. It is a first step. But of course, the next day there was an article in the Sun Sentinel. The reporter asked Florida Wildlands about the plan. Their spokesman, Matthew Schwartz said we will have to look over the plan and see if they are going to let Off Road Vehicles in. I guess they think Wildlands or wildernesses will look pristine if there are no animals out there to eat the grasses. Everybody, and I mean everybody, better realize the seriousness of this python problem.

I also spoke to National Park Service Biologist, J. Unger. I told him I realized the NPS reluctance to let motorized vehicles into National Parks, However; I said, "you guys know Everglades National Park is Ground Point Zero for this Python problem." He said yes it was. I said, "even if these vehicles beat your grasses to the ground, in 1 year you won't even know they were there." He agreed to that statement. He also said there are laws they have to abide by, I told him I understood, and I am not asking you to break the law, but it needs to be changed. Or at a minimum waived off for a few years, and if we are good neighbors leave it in place, if not revoke it. He told me there is some new technology that has come about recently in the form of a Pheromone traps. One way of testing the effectiveness of this technology is to chip a few hundred rabbits. They have already done this and all of the rabbits were eaten in 4 months. If the new methods are effective, the rabbits should live a lot longer than that. If not, call in the Gladesmen Trappers and or the public. I hope every one of you who got this newsletter read this entire article. As a club member, and as Gladesmen, the Everglades is under attack by several invasive species. Our Residential Communities and waterways are under attack by Iguanas. Drastic times call for drastic measures, we need to act. It is my hope that Ron Bergeron can convince the Governor and all of the environmental groups to work together and solve these problems. I hope you agree with the direction the club is going and you can help solve this problem. Hope to see you at the Banquet or in the Glades soon, your club is going to need your support both financially and physically. Many hands make light work, Let us all work together to protect our Everglades.

Bruce Ward  
President  
BCAHCC



August 24<sup>th</sup> Banquet Tropical Acres  
2500 Griffin Road, Dania 6:30-11pm  
Tickets \$65 per person, call Bill Sirola to  
reserve your meal choice (954) 543-3709  
Great raffles, Good food & open bar.

August 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting 7:00pm  
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive  
Please arrive at 6:30 to get food

September 11<sup>th</sup> E-Board Meeting  
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive

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October 9<sup>th</sup> E-Board Meeting  
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive

October 12- Memorial Run Rescheduled  
Save the Date More Details to follow

October 23<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting 7:00pm  
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive  
Please arrive at 6:30 to get food

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Ghosts and Goblins Poker Run  
Save the Date More Details to follow

January 4, 2020 Dade/Broward Poker Run  
Save the Date More Details to follow

January 11, 2020 Jim Bowles  
Memorial Tree Planting  
Save the Date More Details to follow



Istokpoga Hunt- October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

STA Duck Hunt- January 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

Trail Ridge Hunt- March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

STA 3/4 Gator Hunt- April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

To apply for one of these hunts, please visit the FWC  
website to register or [click here](#).

Youth must have passed the Hunter's Safety course to  
participate. FWC also offers many opportunities to  
complete the required Hunter's Safety course, [click here](#)  
for a list of course schedules.

*For more information on hunts or if you are interested in  
becoming a Huntmaster, please contact Jason Freeman,  
our Youth Hunt Coordinator. (954) 624-5195*

**DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS FROM CLUB  
EVENTS?**



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## The New Year for BCAHCC

I have been very fortunate to have known so many people in my life. Sometimes, when it is not hectic, I think of someone who I have not heard from in a while. Sometimes, I will text, but I much prefer calling them on the phone. Such was the case a few days ago. I worked with Dave on the Fire Department. Everyone liked him, and he was a Gladesman. We would talk about hunting, boating, cooking and even our jobs. We both retired and we drifted apart. I knew Dave was seriously ill, so I called him to talk. Dave had given me a folder of Poetry a while back that he had written from 1973, and all the way to June 2013. Some poems I enjoyed more than others, but this Happy New Year poem, really spoke to me. Even though it is August, this is the New Year for BCAHCC. Our Officers are installed and we begin our next years' service for the club. This ritual has been taking place since 1954. So Happy New Year to our Club members and Officers. Dave, thanks for giving me permission and I hope you enjoy seeing your poetry in print, in our BCAHCC Newsletter.

Your friend,  
Bruce

**Let's reflect, briefly, on the past;  
to examine the things we've done.  
Let's think about what we have learned;  
to remember friends ---lost and won.**

**Let's say 'good-bye' to yesterday;  
and, welcome the coming year.  
Let's look forward to the future;  
the time to plan is here.**

**Let's not dwell on our mistakes;  
or worry what others say.  
Let's start to shape tomorrow;  
by the things we do today.**

# **INSTALLATION OF OFFICER/ AWARD BANQUET**

**August 24, 2019**

**6:30pm-11pm**

at

**TROPICAL AGRES STEAKHOUSE  
2500 GRIFFIN ROAD  
DANIA, FL**

**Cost is \$65 per person  
Includes choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Dinner & Open Bar  
Raffles, 50/50 Drawing, &  
Door Prize Drawing for Members Only**

***Tickets can be purchased at the meeting  
or through Bill Sirola.  
Available until August 22nd***

***Music and Live Performance by Kirk Comanic***

Call Bill Sirola (954) 543-3709 or email him at [Billsir56@gmail.com](mailto:Billsir56@gmail.com)

Make sure to bring money as we have some great raffles including:

**Rugar 15 Round Double Stack 9MM Pistol**

**And**

**Savage .243 Rifle with scope**

## UPCOMING FWC Sponsored Events

### **Become a HuntMaster**

August 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> at Ocala Youth Conservation Center- 7325 NE 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Silver Springs FL 34488. For more information contact Tyler Allen with FWC at

[Tyler.Allen@myfwc.com](mailto:Tyler.Allen@myfwc.com)

### **Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW)**

November 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Ocala Youth Conservation Center- 7325 NE 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Silver Springs FL 34488 for more information contact Susan Harrass with FWC at

[Susan.harrass@myfwc.com](mailto:Susan.harrass@myfwc.com)

Or

February 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Everglades Youth Conservation Camp- 12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, WPB 33412 for more information contact Susan Harrass with FWC at

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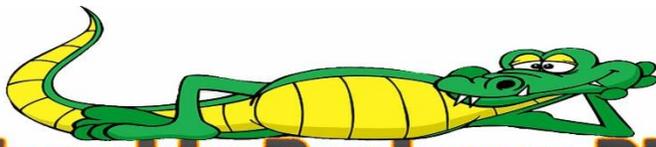
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## Attention Airboat Owners



One of our members suggested this great resource on Airboat Operation, Safety, and Maintenance. I know we all know how to care for our boats, but I challenge you to check out this article and test your airboat safety and maintenance knowledge!

[FWC Airboat Operator Course Development Manual](#)



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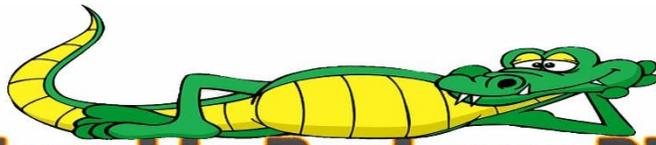
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